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Application of: Asai et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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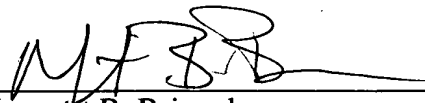
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the final Office Action dated September 1, 2004 be extended for a period of three (3) months from December 1, 2004 up to and including March 1, 2005.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,020. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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